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Drive Recklessly and Lose Your Car

Statement of Alderman Scott Spiker May 9, 2023

Two-time offenders take note: If you are pulled over for driving recklessly a second time, and you ignored the first ticket you got, you'll now need to find a ride home. Council action today, pending mayoral approval, means the Police Chief will soon have the power to impound your vehicle, whether it is registered or not.

Taking advantage of a recent change to state law, the Council passed this ordinance, which gives the police another tool to use to combat the scourge of reckless driving.

Will this solve the problem? Of course not. Will it help move the ball forward? Absolutely. Traffic charges for "reckless driving – endangering safety" shot up 133% from 2021 to 2022. Every day brings a new story of someone carelessly and callously putting the lives of other drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and even their own passengers in danger.

Giving the Police Chief the power to take away someone's ability to inflict such harm is a critical step forward. Today, we take that step.

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